

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

ROLAND L. ALFRED,

Petitioner,

v.

DON ROPER,

Respondent.

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No. 4:08CV623 AGF

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the motion of Roland Alfred for appointment of counsel. The motion will be denied.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the petitioner has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the petitioner will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the petitioner's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. See Johnson v. Williams, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); Nelson, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering these factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues involved are not so complicated that the appointment of counsel is warranted at this time.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is  
**DENIED.**

Dated this 28th day of May, 2008.

  
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AUDREY G. FLEISSIG  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE